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CTB MESSAGE NO. 287

1. SUMMARY: OSI WORKING GROUP DISCUSSED DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH TO PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCEDURES FOR ON-SITE INSPECTIONS. SOVIET DEL REAFFIRMED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR HOST PARTY TO PROCESS ALL PHOTOS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE MEETING AUG 4 THE OSI WORKING GROUP REVIEWED DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY US AND SOVIET DELS FOR PARA 4 OF DRAFT ANNEX (TEXT IN CTB 277), DEALING WITH PHOTO PROCEDURES FOR OSI.

3. HECKROTTE (US) SUMMARIZED THE US DEL'S APPROACH. US DEL ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THAT DESIGNATED PERSONNEL CONDUCT-  
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ING OSI SHOULD TAKE AND PROCESS PHOTOS UNDER OBSERVATION OF HOST PARTY. THIS WOULD MAKE DESIGNATED PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR QUALITY OF PHOTOS, THUS AVOIDING DISAGREEMENTS THAT COULD ARISE IF THE HOST PARTY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PHOTO QUALITY. THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD PERMIT PHOTOGRAPHY UNRELATED TO OSI. TO MEET THEIR CONCERN THE

US DEL TOOK A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD THE SOVIETS BY PROPOSING THAT THE HOST PARTY TAKE THE PHOTOS WITH CAMERAS AND FILM SUPPLIED BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL.

4. FAKLEY (UK) CRITICIZED THE SOVIET APPROACH. THE SOVIET DEL HAD ARGUED THAT THE HOST PARTY COULD ASSURE PHOTO QUALITY BY REPEATING ANY PHOTOS THAT PROVED INADEQUATE, BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL OR EFFICIENT IN MANY CASES; FOR EXAMPLE, PHOTOS OF EQUIPMENT IN USE COULD NOT BE REPEATED AFTER PROCESSING IF THE EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN MOVED TO A NEW SITE. SECONDLY, SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL PROCESSING FILM SEEMED TO IMPLY CONCERN THAT PHOTOS WOULD BE DOCTORED OR THAT FAKE PHOTOS WOULD BE SUBSTITUTED. THESE OBJECTIONS WOULD NOT APPLY IF, AS PROPOSED BY US/UK DELEGATIONS, THE HOST PARTY OBSERVED THE PROCESSING. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE HOST PARTY PROCESSED FILMS, THERE COULD BE NO ASSURANCE AGAINST DELIBERATLY DEGRADING THEIR QUALITY OR SUPPRESSING DETAILS.

5. BEZUMOV (USSR) SAID HE THOUGHT THE QUESTION OF FALSIFICATION BY EITHER SIDE SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED. SUCH POSSIBILITIES COULD BE ALLEGED ABOUT ANY INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS. HE CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT THE PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY THE US DEL WERE UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATED. IF THE PROBLEM WAS TO ASSURE THE QUALITY OF PHOTOS IN CASES WHERE A SHOT COULD NOT BE REPEATED LATER, SEVERAL CAMERAS  
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COULD BE USED. HECKROTTE REITERATED THAT US PROPOSALS PROTECTED INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. BEZUMOV SAID, AND OTHER DELS AGREED, THAT DETAILED REVIEW OF DRAFT ON PHOTO PROCEDURES, HAD IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES.  
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